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Community Development Fund I & II *Fact Sheet*

The Community Development Fund (CDF), a component of the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), supports revitalization efforts and addresses the needs of low- and moderate-income residents by supporting housing, community and economic development activities in cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth.

How it works

The Community Development Fund is comprised of two main components: CDF I, for communities with high needs indicators, and CDF II, for communities that would not be eligible for CDF I due to lower needs indicators. Communities may apply to only one of these funds.

DHCD strongly encourages applicants to develop comprehensive and creative approaches to all local community development needs. CDF grants can be used to undertake a wide range of projects or activities to meet those needs.

Who is eligible

- Municipalities with a population under 50,000 **and**
- Municipalities which do not receive CDBG funds directly from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Application process

As with all CDBG programs, Community Development Fund projects must meet at least one of the following program criteria: benefit low- and moderate-income individuals, remove slums and blight or address a critical community need.

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Applications will be accepted from a community individually or as part of a regional application.

Applications for CDF I will be scored on a 100-point competitive system based on Statistical Community-Wide Needs Score; Community Needs; Community Impact; Project Need, Project Feasibility and Project Impact.

CDF II will use the same criteria; applications however will be scored on a 75-point system that does not include the Statistical Community-Wide Needs Score.

Applications are accepted on an annual basis for CDF I and CDF II. Applicants that have been housing certified under Executive Order 418 will receive bonus points totalling 10% of the total available points for the program component.

Grant amounts

CDF I

\$700,000 maximum for single municipal applicant.

\$800,000 maximum for two municipalities filing jointly.

\$1,000,000 maximum for three or more municipalities filing together.

\$1,600,000 maximum for joint/regional housing activities.

A single municipal applicant may apply for up to \$750,000 for one infrastructure project.

CDF II

\$600,000 maximum for single municipal applicant

The minimum grant size is \$100,000.

For more information

Please contact DHCD's Division of Municipal Development at (617) 727-7001. The staff is also available by appointment to provide assistance with applications.